Danger of AIDs to Dental Patients and Dentists

1179. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dental patients as well as dentists especially at the time of tooth extraction are prone to AIDs; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to save the people from this danger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have laid-down clear guidelines to save the people from this danger. The guidelines provide that "as all the surgical processes including dental procedures are invasive procedure leading to breaking continity of the skin and/or mucous membrance there is a lot of blood tissues, organs and body fluids during this procedure".

Hence barrier precautions (Universal Precautions) must be observed.

Policy Regarding Development of 2-Star Hotels

1180. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned the policy to encourage the development of 2-star hotels;

(b) if so, the reasons for neglecting this sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government ignored the needs of middle class Indian tourists; and

(d) steps proposed to increase 2-star hotels in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In order to increase the accommodation for budget tourists the Government of India provides various fiscal incentives in the form of income tax exemptions and also interest subsidy which is applicable to 1, 2 and 3-star approved hotel projects, on loans sanctioned by State Financial Corporations, Tourism Financial Corporation of India, Industrial Financial Corporation of India and State Development Corporations.

Family Courts in the Country

1181. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a State Commission for women has urged Government to activate family courts in the country in a big way;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of family courts are presently functioning in the country with State/Union Territory-wise details thereof and whether Government propose to increase them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present 61 Family Courts are functioning in the country in 11 States and one Union Territory. The State/UT-wise break-up of Family courts is given in the attached statement (see below). The primary responsibility for setting up of Family Courts lies with the State Governments/UTs concerned, who have to make a formal request to the Central Government for bringing into operation of the Family Courts Act, in that State/UT. On the basis of the request, the Central Government issues a

notification for setting up of Family Courts.

Statement

Family Courts set up in different States/UTs

UTTAR PRADESH	16
ASSAM	1
MANIPUR	1
ORISSA	2
BIHAR	2
TAMIL NADU	5
KERALA	5
MAHARASHTRA	13
RAJASTHAN	5
ANDHRA PRADESH	6
KARNATAKA	4
PONDICHERRY	1
TOTAL:	61

Countribution of Medical Research Organisation Like NICD and ICMR to Public Health

1182. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to marge NICD, ICMR and other research organisations;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it is a fact that contribution to public health from these bodies has been less than desirable;

(d) steps proposed to set clear objectives for public Health;

(e) what measures are proposed to strengthan NICD;

(f) whether adequate budget has not been provided to NICD; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal.

(c) to (g) Significant contributions in disease eradication/control have been made by ICMR and NICD through technical assistance to health care agencies in the States/UTs. Intensification of disease surveillance activities, networking of various laboratories and upgrading of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases are among the measures which are envisaged to give promonence to public health. Proposals for providing resources for these measures are included in the preparations for the Ninth Plan.

Writing Down of Government Equity by Dena Bank and Bank of India

1183. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dena Bank and Bank of India have written down the equity of Government to the extent of accumulated losses;

(b) whether losses transferred to the capital by these banks, represent actual losses or losses caused by provisions made for NPAS;

(c) whether amounts subsequently recovered from NPAS for which provisions have been made, will be transferred back to the equity of Government; and

(d) the details of (i) amounts written down; (ii) actual losses out of provisions; (iii) provisions held; (iv) recoveries of NPAS by the above two banks during the period 1991-92 to 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both Dena Bank and Bank of India have made operating profits during the period between 1992-93 and 1995-96. The net losses reported by these banks for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 are on account of provisions for NPAS as well as depreciation in investments and other provisions/contingencies.